

ABSTRACT

[0064] Indexing documents is accomplished by generating an inverted index for a collection of one or more documents, each document including one or more index terms.

The inverted index includes an inverted list for each index term in the collection of

5 documents. One or more inverted lists include a quantity of postings that exceeds a value x , a skip entry after the x^{th} posting, and one or more additional skip entries thereafter at intervals of every y^{th} posting. The value x is such that at least a majority of the index terms occur in x documents or fewer, and the value y is not equal to the value x .

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